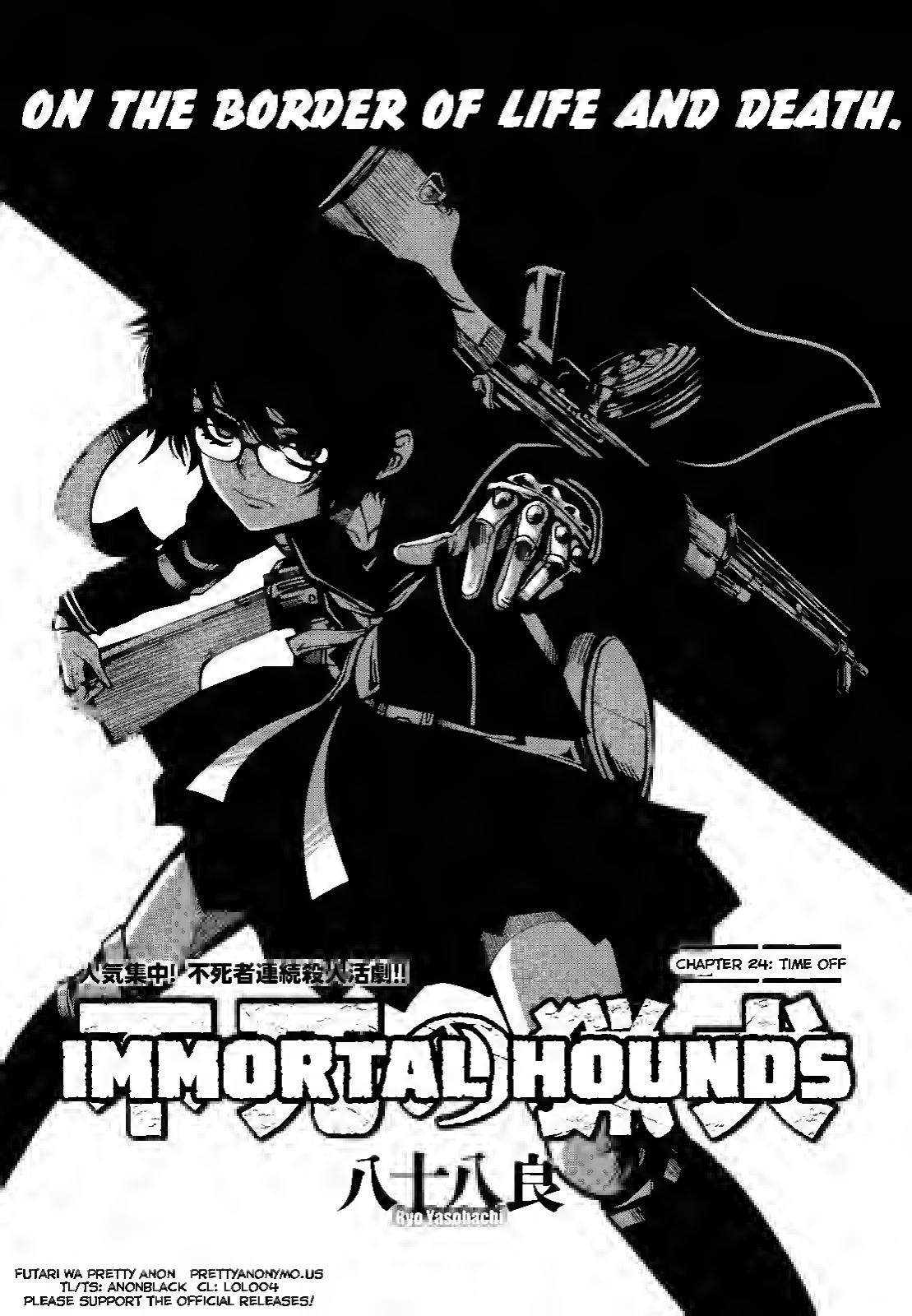

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE OFFICIAL RELEASES!

OKAY, MOM,
I'M GOING TO WALK HIM TO THE STATION.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME.
DINNER WAS JUST GREAT.
SEE YOU LATER, THEN!
COME BY ANY TIME.
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MY GOOD-NESS,
DEAR!
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This eastern winds should shift more southerly as the day goes on. It'll be cloudy with a chance of scattered showers.
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YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST SEEN THEM OUT!
COME ON, NOW!

NOPE.
YOU DON'T?
I DON'T LIKE 'IM.
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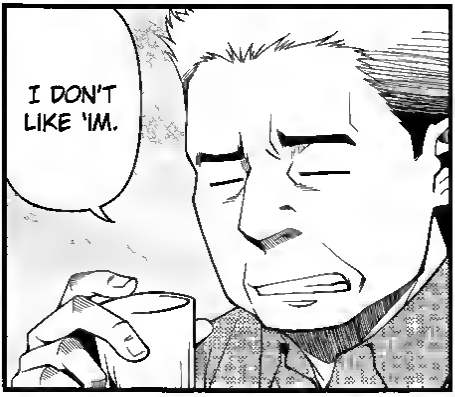
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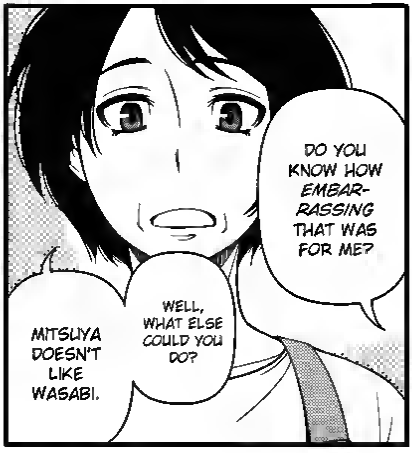
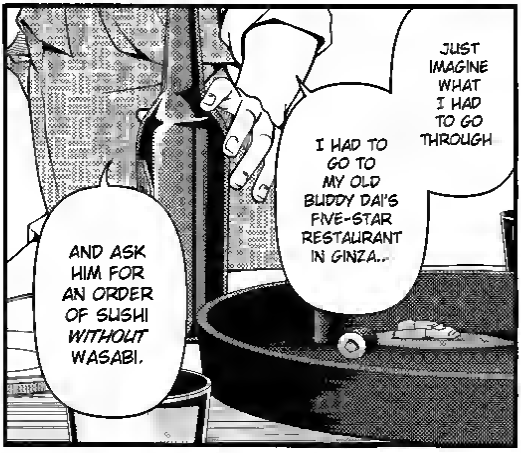

DO YOU KNOW HOW *EMBARRASSING* THAT WAS FOR ME?
WELL, WHAT ELSE COULD YOU DO?
MITSUYA DOESN'T LIKE WASABI.


JUST IMAGINE WHAT I HAD TO GO THROUGH
I HAD TO GO TO MY OLD BUDDY DAI'S FIVE-STAR RESTAURANT IN GINZA...
AND ASK HIM FOR AN ORDER OF SUSHI *WITHOUT* WASABI.

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY STARTED POPPING OUT GRANDCHILDREN SOON.
WITH HOW WELL THEY GET ALONG.
HE'S A MAN. WHAT KINDA MAN CAN'T HANDLE WASABI?
HE AIN'T A LITTLE KID!
WELL, LIKE IT OR NOT, ALL OF OUR SUSHI IS GOING TO BE WASABI-FREE FROM HERE ON OUT.
HE'S A WEIRDO, AND IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE HE DOESN'T LIKE WASABI!
HE WAS DRINKING COLA!
HE SAID HE HAS A HARD TIME WITH AL-COHOL.
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DRINK ALCOHOL, HE COULD DRINK TEA FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!
WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND DRINKS COLA WHEN THEY'RE EATING SUSHI?!
YOU HAVE NOTHING NICE TO SAY ABOUT HIM, DO YOU.
I THINK HE'LL MAKE A LOVELY HUSBAND.
HE'S KIND, AND HE'S GOT A REALLY GOOD JOB, TOO.
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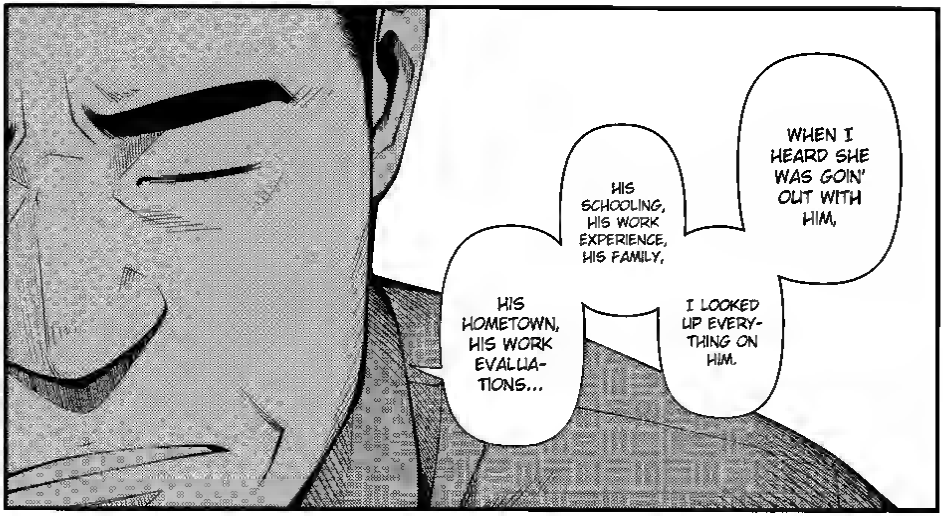
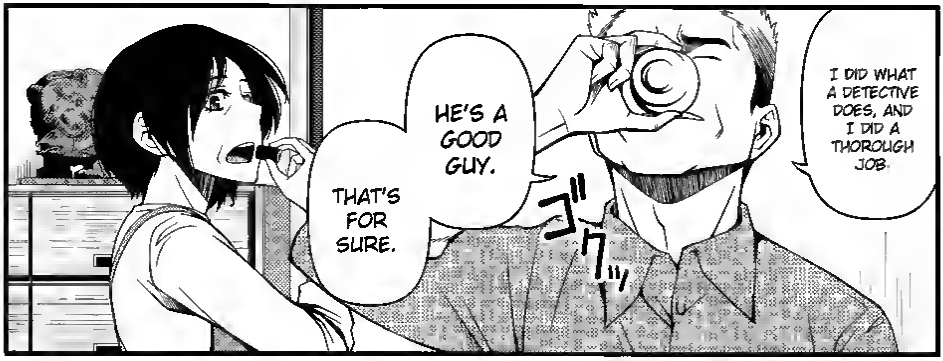
YEAH, I KNOW.


WHEN I HEARD SHE WAS GOIN' OUT WITH HIM,
I LOOKED UP EVERY-THING ON HIM.
HIS SCHOOLING, HIS WORK EXPERIENCE, HIS FAMILY,
HIS HOMETOWN, HIS WORK EVALUA-TIONS...


I DID WHAT A DETECTIVE DOES, AND I DID A THOROUGH JOB.
HE'S A GOOD GUY.
THAT'S FOR SURE.
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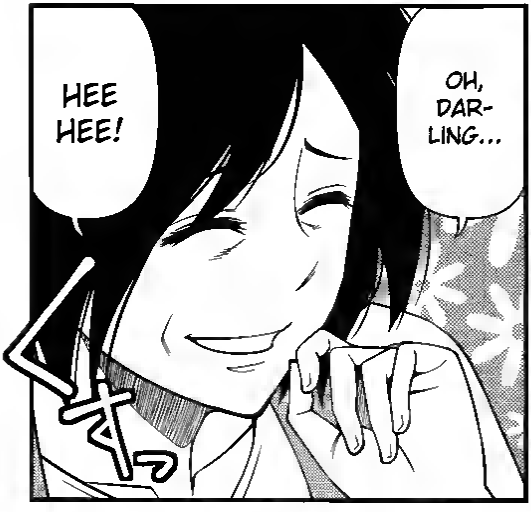
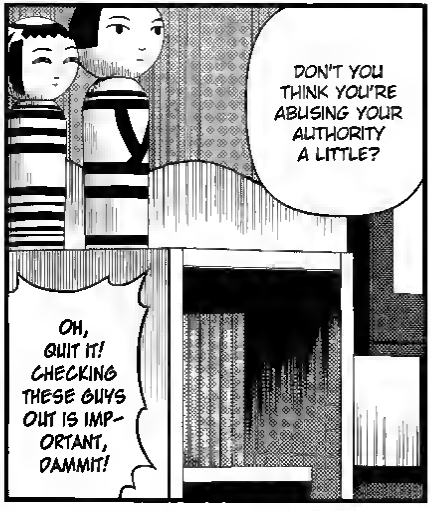

OH, DAR-LING...
HEE HEE!


DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE ABUSING YOUR AUTHORITY A LITTLE?
OH, QUIT IT! CHECKING THESE GUYS OUT IS IMP-ORTANT, DAMMIT!

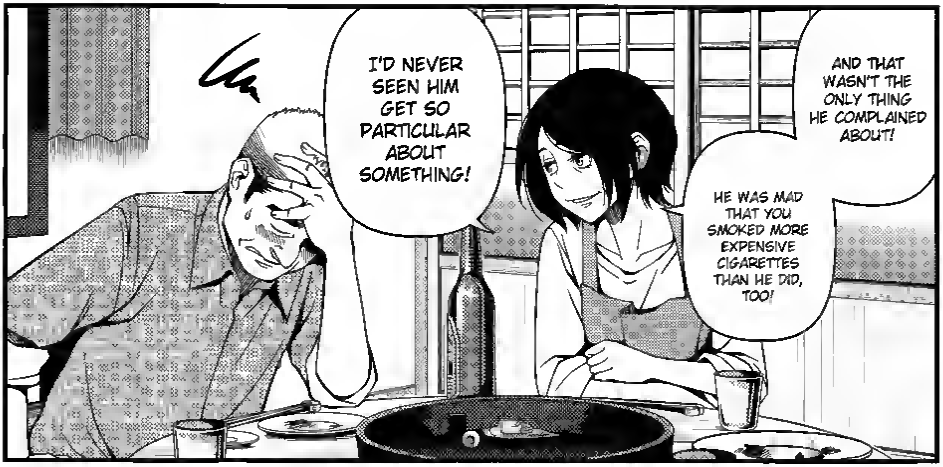
WHEN I TOOK YOU HOME TO MEET MY FOLKS,
MY FATHER WAS JUST AS GRUMPY AS YOU ARE NOW.
WHAT?!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
OH, IT'S NOT YOU, DEAR,

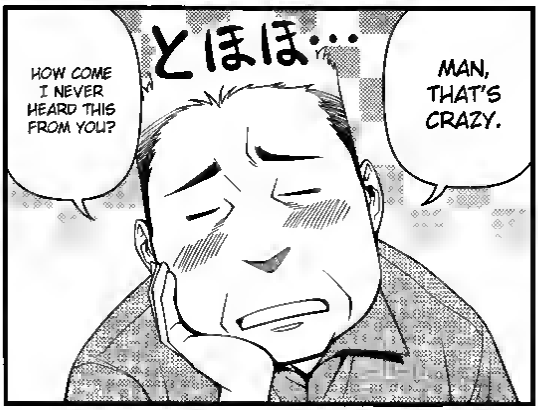
HUH?
YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF MY FATHER, THAT'S ALL.

HAHAHAHA
HUH? DID I REALLY DO THAT?
I DIDN'T NOTICE, EITHER!

THAT LITTLE BASTARD.
HE STARTED SMOKIN' HIS CIGARETTE BEFORE OFFERIN' TO LIGHT MINE.


I'D NEVER SEEN HIM GET SO PARTICULAR ABOUT SOMETHING!
AND THAT WASN'T THE ONLY THING HE COMPLAINED ABOUT!
HE WAS MAD THAT YOU SMOKED MORE EXPENSIVE CIGARETTES THAN HE DID, TOO!

'CAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TOLD YOU.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HOW COME I NEVER HEARD THIS FROM YOU?
MAN, THAT'S CRAZY.

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MAYBE I WASN'T THAT PREPARED TO MEET 'IM.
I MEAN, BEFORE I EVEN WENT TO MEET YOUR PARENTS, I'D ALREADY KINDA DECIDED I WAS GONNA MARRY YOU.

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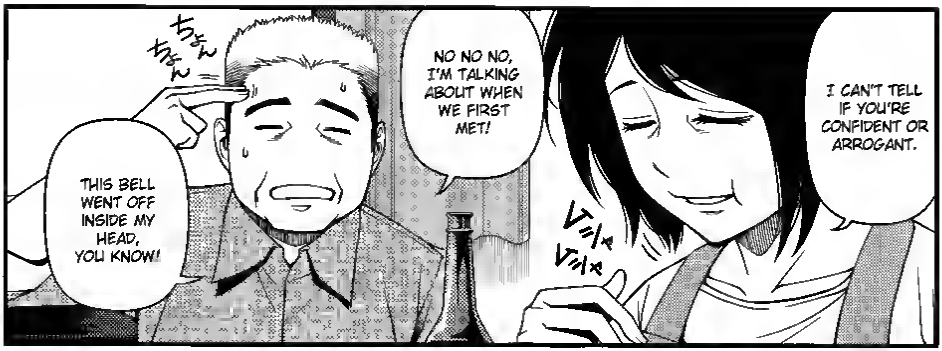
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE CONFIDENT OR ARROGANT.
NO NO NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE FIRST MET!
THIS BELL WENT OFF INSIDE MY HEAD, YOU KNOW!
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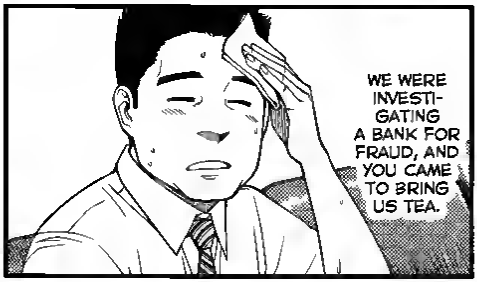
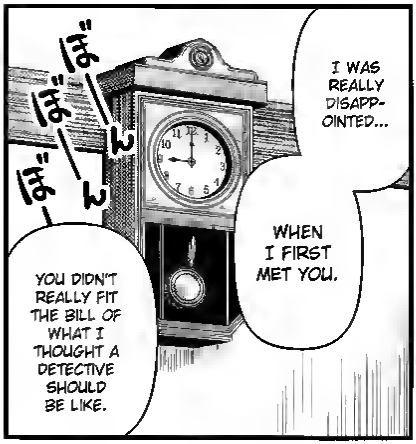
I KNEW YOU WERE THE ONE I WAS GOING TO MARRY.


WE WERE INVESTI-GATING A BANK FOR FRAUD, AND YOU CAME TO BRING US TEA.

THE MOMENT I LAID MY EYES ON YOU,


I WAS REALLY DISAPP-OINTED...
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
YOU DIDN'T REALLY FIT THE BILL OF WHAT I THOUGHT A DETECTIVE SHOULD BE LIKE.
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YOU'VE TOLD ME THIS STORY A THOUSAND TIMES.
YES, YES, I KNOW,
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DESPITE WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK, I WAS QUITE POPULAR.
I HAD PLENTY OF GOOD-LOOKING AND WELL-TO-DO MEN AFTER MY HEART, YOU KNOW!
BUT THE ONE I KNEW I WAS GOING TO MARRY WAS THIS SHODDY DETECTIVE?
I WAS DISAPPOINTED, HONESTLY. YOU WEREN'T REALLY THE KIND OF GUY I THOUGHT I'D BE LEAVING HOME FOR.
HEY, NOW!
I'VE NEVER HEARD THIS BEFORE!
BUT STILL, I THOUGHT, "I'M GOING TO MARRY THAT DETECTIVE."
THAT'S 'CAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE TOLD YOU.
I'VE GOT THE DAY OFF TOMORROW.
WANNA GO ON A DATE SOMEWHERE?
HAHA!
HEY.

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THE NEXT DAY
TOSAI POLICE STATION
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NO ANSWER?
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NOPE.
THAT'S TWO DAYS IN A ROW SHE HASN'T SHOWN.
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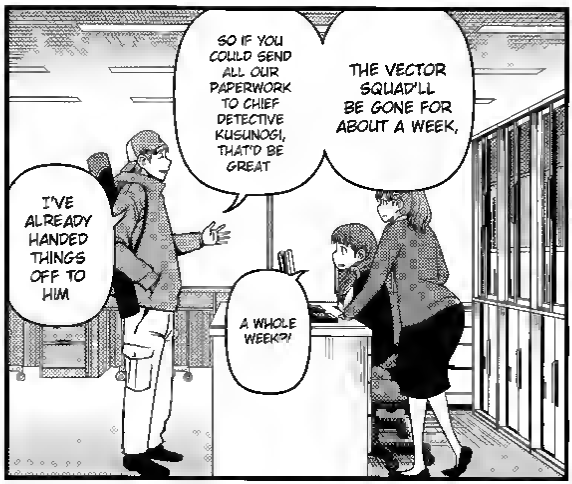
HEY, GIRLS!
I'M TAKING THE AFTER-NOON OFF!
I'm heading out early
You rascal! Instruct! Maybe I'll get a thrashin' this time
See ya'll later!
SHE'S NEVER DITCHED WORK BEFORE, NOT EVEN ONCE...

EVERYONE'S BEEN SAVING UP THEIR VACATION DAYS,
AND KENZAKI SAID WE SHOULD TAKE THE TIME TO USE IT UP NOW.


SO IF YOU COULD SEND ALL OUR PAPERWORK TO CHIEF DETECTIVE KUSUNOGI, THAT'D BE GREAT
THE VECTOR SQUAD'LL BE GONE FOR ABOUT A WEEK,
I'VE ALREADY HANDED THINGS OFF TO HIM
A WHOLE WEEK?!

CHIEF KUSUNOGI WAS SUPER ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT GOING AND GETTING THEM ALL ARRESTED,
SO HE FIGURED IF WE TOOK TIME OFF, HE'D BE FREE TO DO AS HE WANTS AS OUR REP, RIGHT?

ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALRIGHT TO TAKE SO MUCH TIME OFF?
I HEARD THE DETECTIVES CAUGHT TWO ESCAPE ARTISTS...
YEAH, THAT'S PART OF WHY WE'RE TAKING A BREAK.

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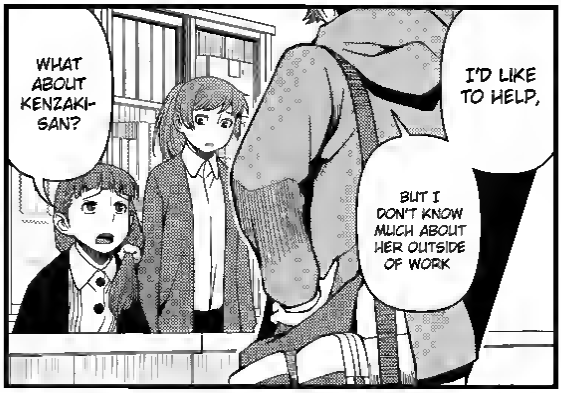
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO RIN-CHAN?

OH, I GET IT.
ALRIGHT, I'M HEADING OUT, THEN!
HEY, WAKA-BAYASHI-KUN,

SHE WON'T PICK UP THE PHONE, EITHER.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING, WAKABA-YASHI-KUN?

UHH, NO?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND LATELY.
SHE'S BEEN GONE TWO DAYS IN A ROW NOW, NO PHONE CALLS OR ANYTHING

MAYBE HE'S HEARD SOME-THING!
YEAH, KENZAKI-SAN WOULD KNOW!


WHAT ABOUT KENZAKI-SAN?
I'D LIKE TO HELP,
BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER OUTSIDE OF WORK

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YOU CAN'T ASK HIM NOW?
ALRIGHT.
I'LL ASK HIM LATER.

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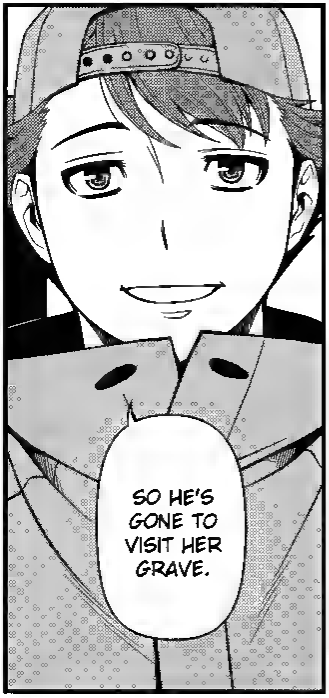
MAYBE SHE'S IN SOME SORT OF TROUBLE!
PLEASE, COULD YOU ASK KENZAKI-SAN ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW?

RIN-CHAN WOULDN'T JUST DITCH WORK!
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING GOING ON!


SO HE'S GONE TO VISIT HER GRAVE.

I'LL CALL HIM LATER, I SWEAR, BUT I CAN'T RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T WANNA BOTHER HIM TODAY.

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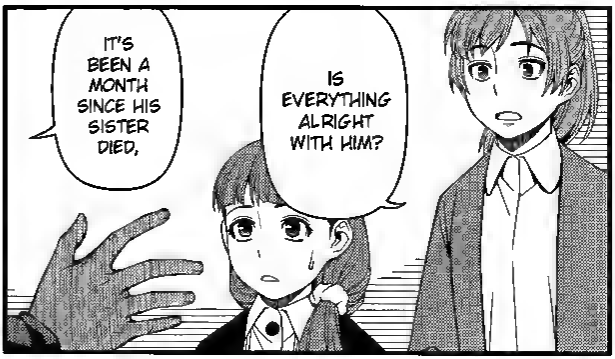
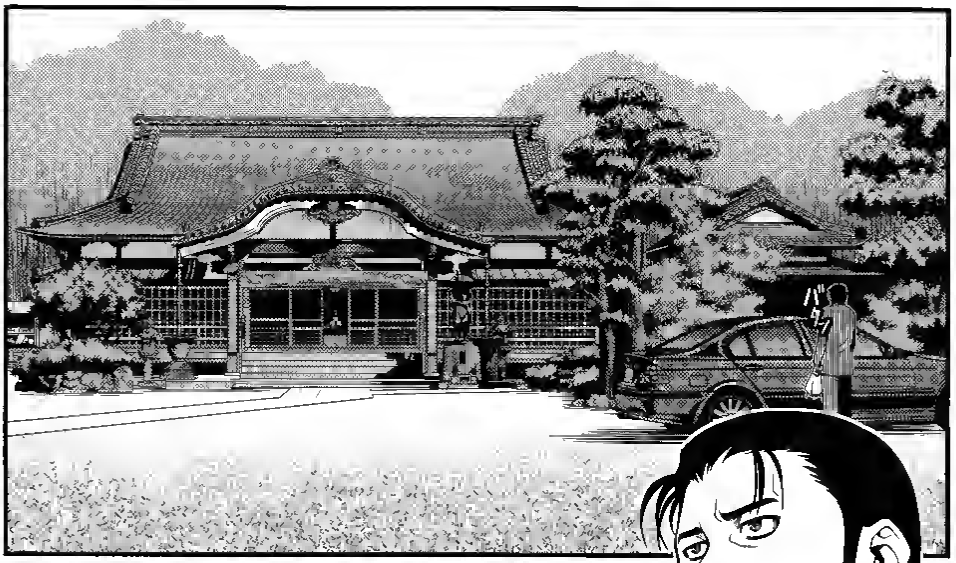
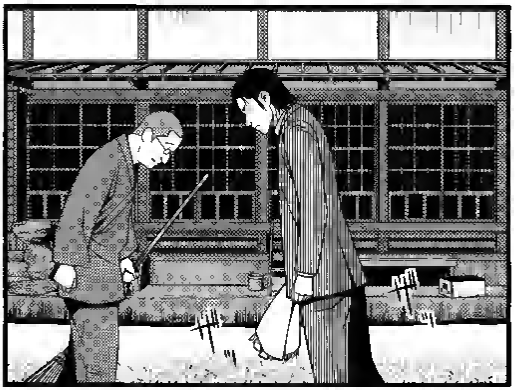

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE HIS SISTER DIED,
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT WITH HIM?





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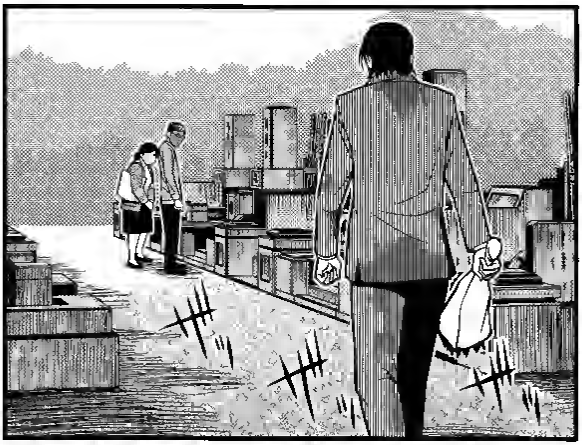

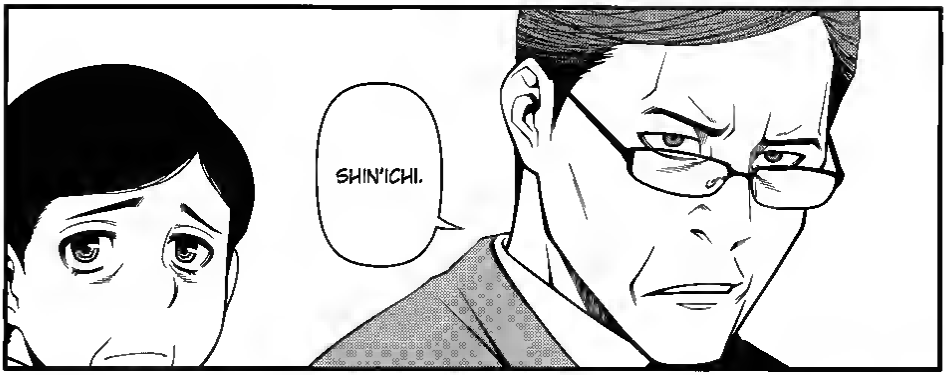
SHIN'ICHI.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO COME HERE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME, SHIN'ICHI?

HERE, MOM.
O-OH!
HMPH!
SURPRISED YOU HAD THE GALL TO SHOW YOUR FACE.

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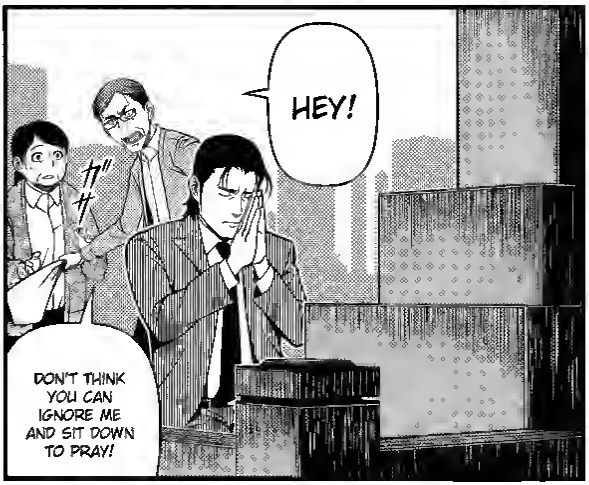
GET AWAY FROM IKUMI!


HEY!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN IGNORE ME AND SIT DOWN TO PRAY!

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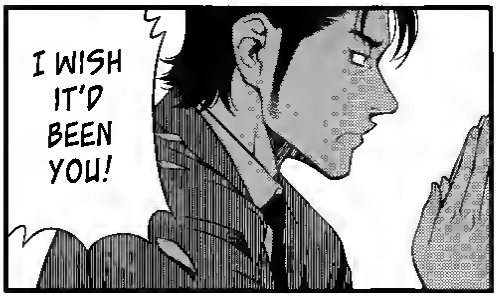
YOU SAID YOU'D WATCH OVER HER!
HONEY!
THAT'S WHY I LET HER GO TO TOKYO!


I WISH IT'D BEEN YOU!

BUT YOU LET MY IKUMI GO OUT THERE AND DIE!
PLEASE, STOP!
HONEY, PLEASE!

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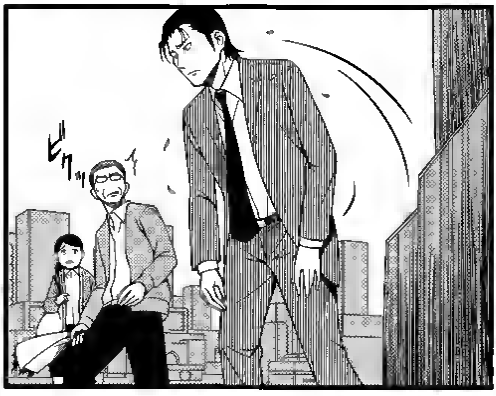

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FEEL BETTER NOW,
DAD?
I TOLD YOU.
IKUMI SHOULD'VE STAYED OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY.
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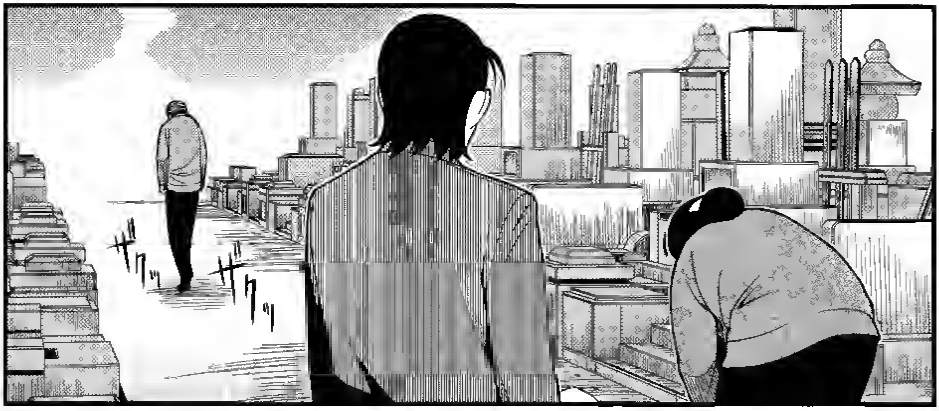
YOU KILLED HER!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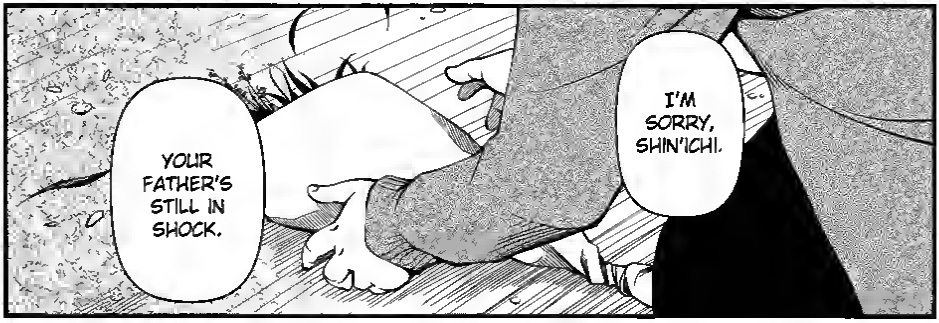
I'M SORRY, SHIN'ICHI.
YOUR FATHER'S STILL IN SHOCK.

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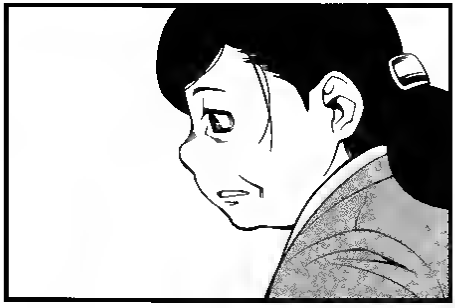
DON'T CRY, MOM.
IT'S ALRIGHT. I'M USED TO IT BY NOW.



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AND IKUMI WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO LEAVE HOME IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT HE STILL...
DON'T SAY THAT, MOM.
I SAID I'D TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF HER.
I JUST CAN'T STAND IT.
YOU'RE OUR SON, SHIN'ICHI.
DAD PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT
IF I HADN'T SAID THAT,
IT'S FINE THIS WAY.
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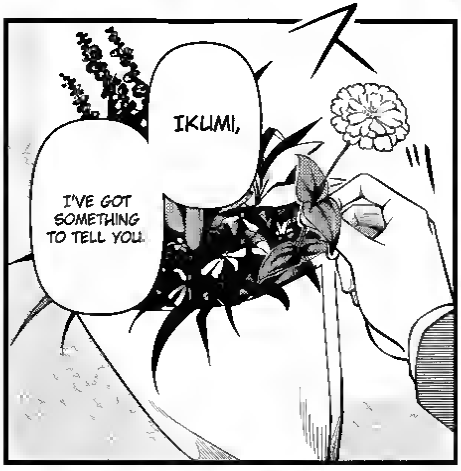
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M SO SORRY, SHIN'ICHI
GO ON, ALRIGHT?
I DON'T WANNA MAKE DAD WAIT.

THE HELL WERE YOU TALKING TO HIM FOR?!
HURRY UP, DAMMIT!


IKUMI,
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

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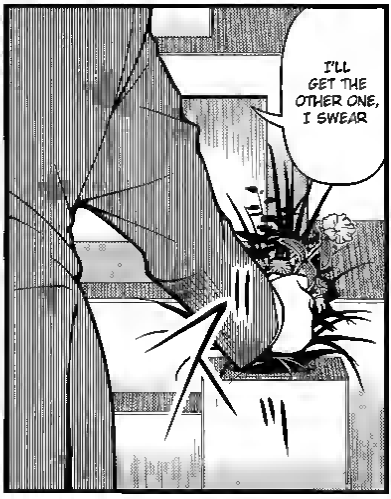
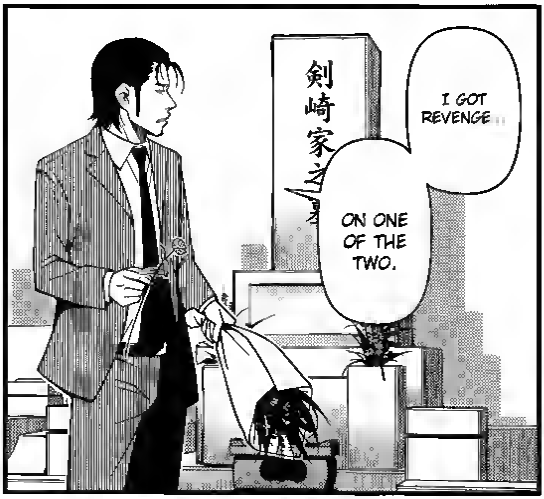

I'LL GET THE OTHER ONE, I SWEAR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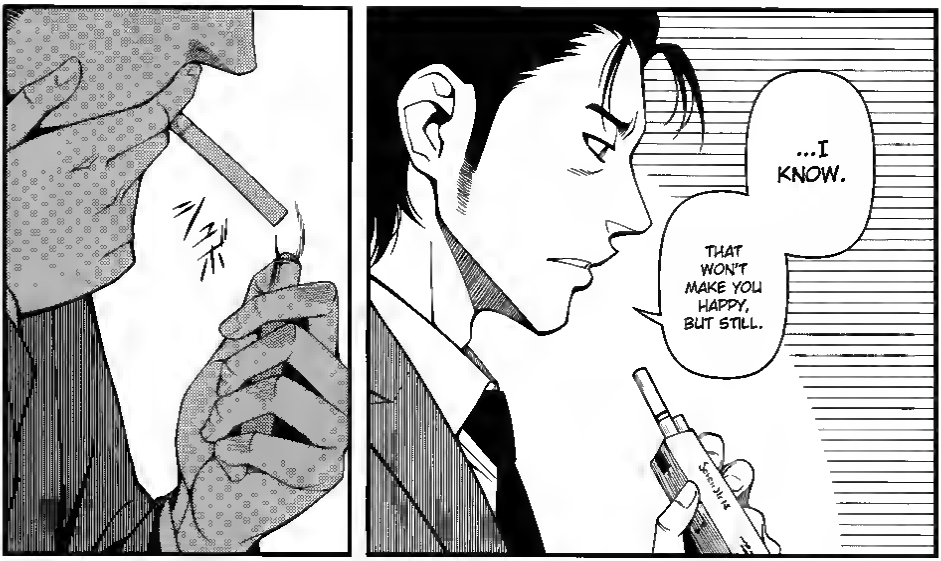
I GOT REVENGE...
ON ONE OF THE TWO.


...I KNOW.
THAT WON'T MAKE YOU HAPPY, BUT STILL.

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剣崎家之墓
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I'M JUST THE SAME AS DAD.

title: He has no idea
from: Wakabayashi
Kenzaki-san said he hasn't heard anything
Sorry I can't help!
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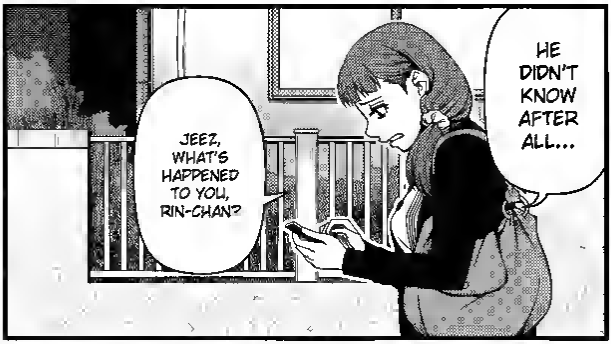
THAT EVE-NING


HE DIDN'T KNOW AFTER ALL...
JEEZ, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, RIN-CHAN?

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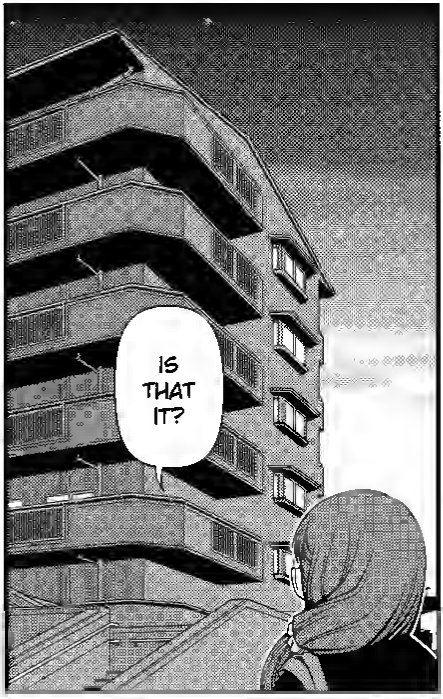
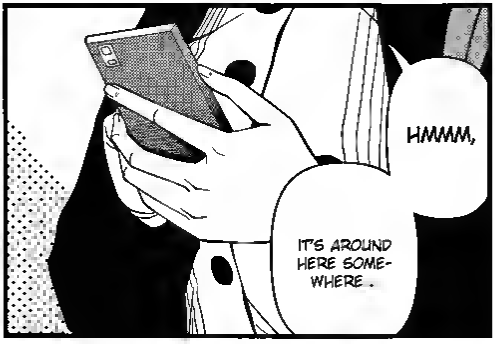
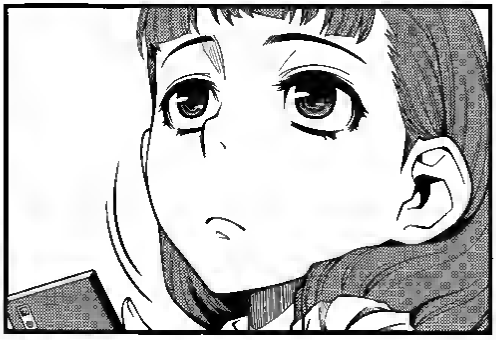

IS THAT IT?


HMMM,
IT'S AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE.



I'M SURE SHE'S A VERY MATURE GIRL.
SHE WAS QUIET, BUT VERY POLITE, ALWAYS SAID HELLO.
OH, REALLY?
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WELL, WHAT A SURPRISE.
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WORKED FOR THE POLICE
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ALRIGHT, HERE WE ARE.
I'D RATHER HAVE A QUIET TENANT LIKE HER THAN A NOISY ONE.
SHE'S A PRETTY GIRL ONCE YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT 'ER
RIN-CHAN'S REALLY POPULAR AT WORK, THOUGH SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH.
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KAZAMA-SAN! WE'RE COMING IN!
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NORMALLY I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LET ANYONE IN WHEN SHE'S OUT,
BUT YOU'RE WITH THE POLICE, AND YOU'RE WORRIED 'BOUT HER NOT SHOWING UP TO WORK, SO I'LL DO IT JUST THIS ONCE.

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S NOT HERE.
TRY NOT TO MAKE IT TOO LONG, ALRIGHT?
OF COURSE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
KAZAMA-SAN!
KAZAMA-SAN! ARE YOU HERE?
KAZAMA-SAN!
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HELLO!
...HUH.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
...THOUGH I GUESS IT SUITS HER.
GOD, IT SURE IS DREARY IN HERE. WHERE'S ALL THE GIRLY STUFF?

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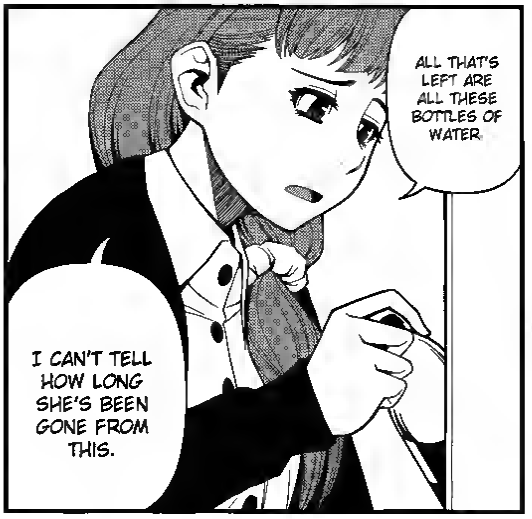
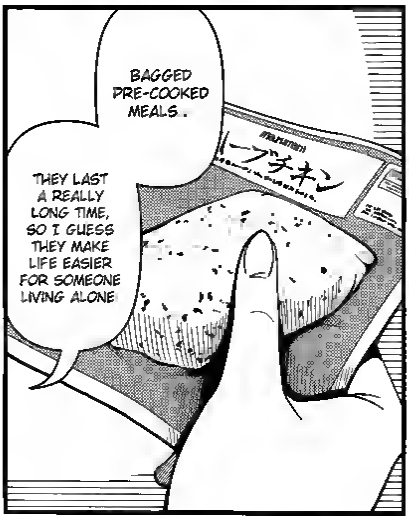
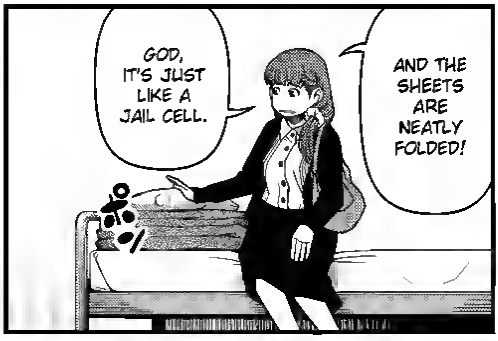

I CAN'T TELL HOW LONG SHE'S BEEN GONE FROM THIS.
ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE ALL THESE BOTTLES OF WATER.


THEY LAST A REALLY LONG TIME, SO I GUESS THEY MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR SOMEONE LIVING ALONE
BAGGED PRE-COOKED MEALS.

OH, JEEZ...


GOD, IT'S JUST LIKE A JAIL CELL.
AND THE SHEETS ARE NEATLY FOLDED!

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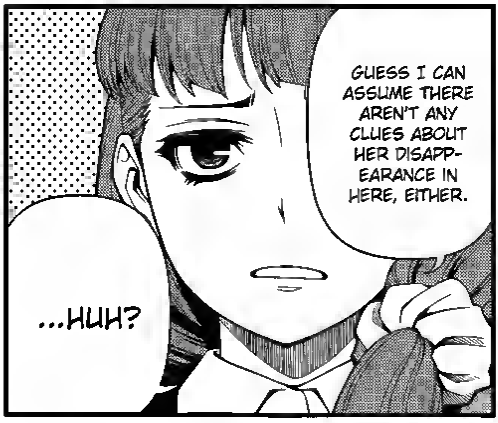
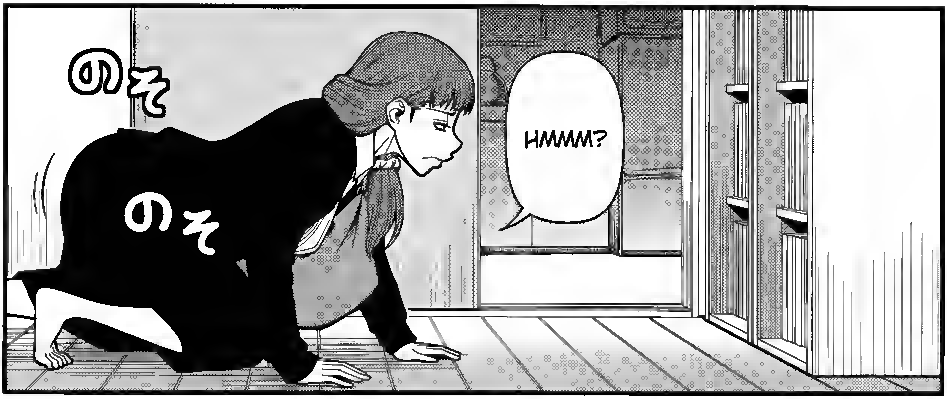

GUESS I CAN ASSUME THERE AREN'T ANY CLUES ABOUT HER DISAPP-EARANCE IN HERE, EITHER.
...HUH?

THIS ROOM'S SUPER BORING, TOO!
YOU'RE PRETTY THOROUGH, HUH, RIN-CHAN...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HMMM?

SHE'S GOT SO MANY!
LET ME GUESS, THEY'RE FOR WINNING OVER KENZAKI-SAN?

OH!
NOW THIS IS MORE GIRLY!
LOOK AT ALL THOSE RELATIONSHIP GUIDES!
101 Relationships
Margaret Minowara's Love Diagnosis
How-To-Romance
How-To-Romance

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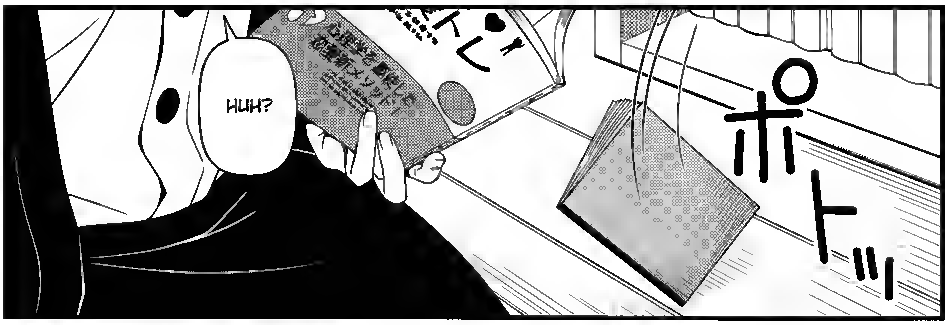
HUH?
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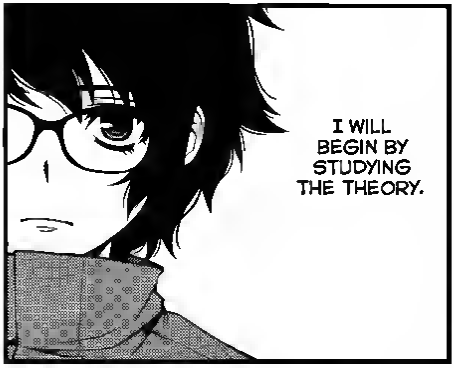
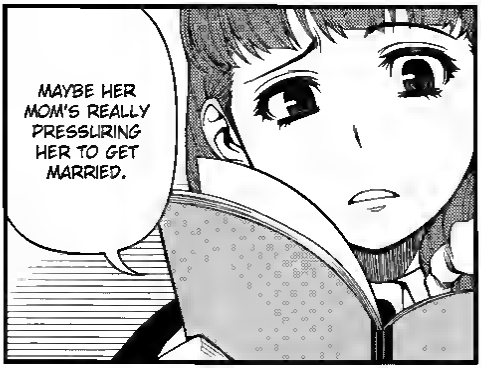
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI BATTLE LOG
RIN-CHAN'S DIARY... RIGHT?
THIS IS...
OKAY, LET'S TAKE A PEEK!
RGH...
NGH...
HRGH,
HMMM.
RIN-CHAN!
SORRY,

WHAT IS THIS?
BUT MAMA'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE.
I MUST MAKE ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI LOVE ME.
Some kind of poem?

SHE TOLD ME TO MAKE HIM LOVE ME, BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN LIKES OR DISLIKES.

She told me to make him love
But I don't understand
t even have confidence in my
likes or dislikes


I WILL BEGIN BY STUDYING THE THEORY.


MAYBE HER MOM'S REALLY PRESSURING HER TO GET MARRIED.

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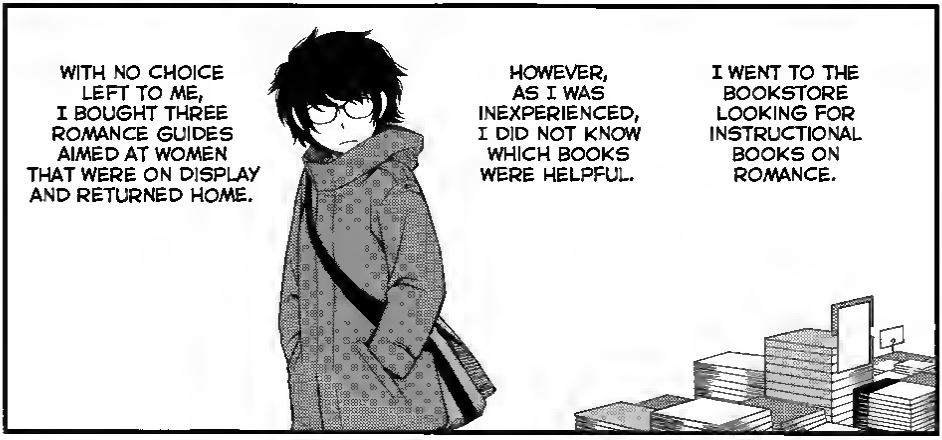
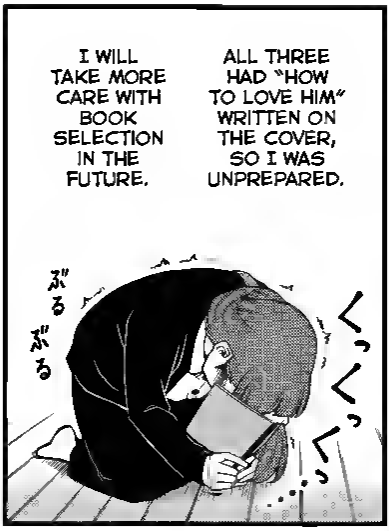

WITH NO CHOICE LEFT TO ME, I BOUGHT THREE ROMANCE GUIDES AIMED AT WOMEN THAT WERE ON DISPLAY AND RETURNED HOME.
HOWEVER, AS I WAS INEXPERIENCED, I DID NOT KNOW WHICH BOOKS WERE HELPFUL.
I WENT TO THE BOOKSTORE LOOKING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKS ON ROMANCE.


I WILL TAKE MORE CARE WITH BOOK SELECTION IN THE FUTURE.
ALL THREE HAD "HOW TO LOVE HIM" WRITTEN ON THE COVER, SO I WAS UNPREPARED.
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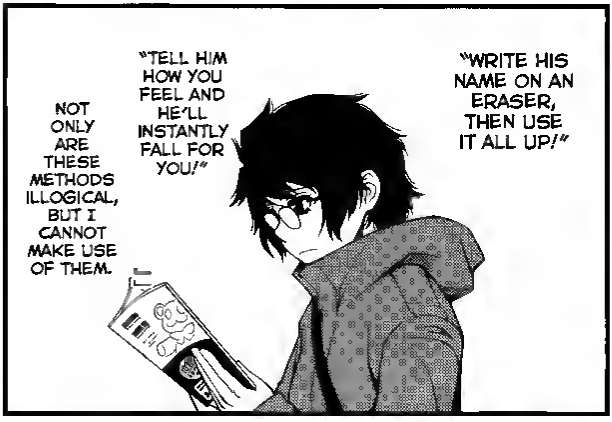
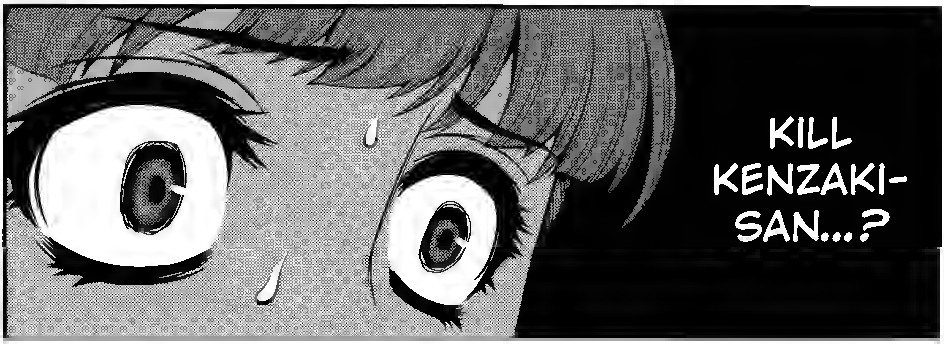
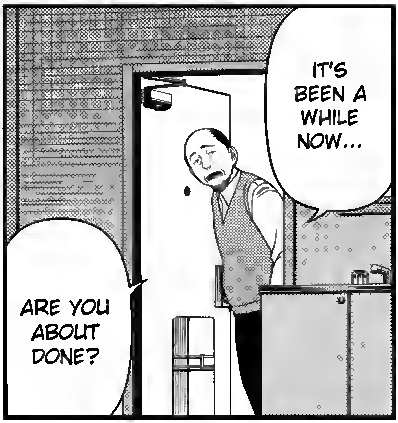
I GAVE ALL THREE TO BITTER ORANGE, WHO WAS QUITE PLEASED.
IN MY CURRENT SITUATION, HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF PHYSICAL INTIMACY WILL NOT HELP ME ACHIEVE IT.
THE BOOKS WERE ONLY ABOUT SEX.
I FAILED.


NOT ONLY ARE THESE METHODS ILLOGICAL, BUT I CANNOT MAKE USE OF THEM.
"TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL AND HE'LL INSTANTLY FALL FOR YOU!"
"WRITE HIS NAME ON AN ERASER, THEN USE IT ALL UP!"

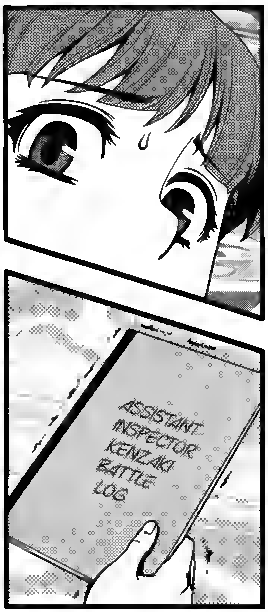
THEY WON'T HELP ME KILL ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI.

C'MON, THOSE BOOKS ARE JUST FOR LITTLE KIDS!
ALL THESE METHODS RELY ON MY HOLDING ROMANTIC FEELINGS TOWARDS HIM.
THEY WOULD MEAN MY DEFEAT.
MAN, RIN-CHAN'S REALLY COMPETITIVE, HUH.


KILL KENZAKI-SAN...?


IT'S BEEN A WHILE NOW...
ARE YOU ABOUT DONE?

UMM, MISS?


ASSISTANT INSPECTOR KENZAKI BATTLE LOG

I REALLY CAN'T LET YOU STAY IN HERE THIS LONG...
SORRY, I'M COMING OUT NOW!

DID YOU FIND ANY CLUES?
AH, WELL...
I DIDN'T FIND ANY.
OH, I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO RUSH YOU.
WELL, SHE IS A YOUNG WOMAN, SO I SUPPOSE THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS
ALRIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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I'M SURE SHE'LL BE BACK SOON.
IF YOU SEE HER, COULD YOU CONTACT ME, PLEASE?
THAT'S WORRY-ING.
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TO BE CONTINUED